

order to safeguard life and health of a patient and others."

There has not however been any court decision to this effect.

Although the employment of this individual in your office does not necessarily increase your malpractice liability, we believe it might well result in your malpractice insurance carrier denying liability in the event someone should be damaged through negligence. There is the consideration that it would be difficult to draw a line where the practice of physio-therapy would stop and the administration of nursing procedures would begin. If it should be determined by a court that nursing was being practiced by an unlicensed person and injury occurred to some patient, your insurance carrier might well deny any liability.

In our opinion, you are incurring a possible hazard in employing unlicensed personnel, particularly with regard to your insurance coverage.

Very truly yours,

HARTLEY F. PEART,
111 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

LETTERS †

Concerning Need of Public Health Nurses in Los Angeles:

(COPY)

The Board of:
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS
of the
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
11 City Hall

April 10, 1944.

To the Editor:—May we ask your assistance in publicizing our City's need for Public Health Nurses. The situation in this area is particularly acute because of the added responsibilities accompanying wartime conditions and a greatly increased population. These positions offer to Public Health Nurses the opportunity of becoming established in permanent civil service positions in the Los Angeles City Health Department.

We are enclosing a short article which we hope you will be able to include in an early issue of your periodical. We will appreciate this aid very much.

Thank you for your continued coöperation.

Very truly yours,

JOHN F. FISHER,
General Manager.

Nine regular Los Angeles City Civil Service vacancies as Public Health Nurse must be filled as soon as possible. Because of the acute need for public health workers in this area, residence requirements have been waived. Candidates must be women who have California Registered Nurse and Public Health Nurse Certificates. Applicants will be rated by a professional board on the basis of applications and supplementary data submitted. There will be no written test. The salary range is from \$170 to \$190 per month.

Applications will be accepted until further notice. For additional information, write or telephone the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, Room 11, Los Angeles City Hall, MI-5211.

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Concerning C.M.A. Appropriation to "United Public Health League":

(COPY)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
2398 Sacramento Street,
San Francisco, California.
April 24, 1944.

The Editor,

CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE,
450 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Dear Doctor:

In the March number of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE the following statement is made, "—Idaho and California had already appropriated approximately \$3.00 per active member to assist in financing of the first year of operation" of the United Public Health League. [March, 1944 C. and W. M., page 109.]

The members of the San Francisco County Medical Society were not given an opportunity to vote on or even to discuss this action. We thus find ourselves forced to support an organization whose purposes and methods some of us disapprove and many doubt. These members cannot accept such an edict from above. You need a vote from the active members.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. ADDIS, M. D.

P.S.

Dear Dr. Kress:

I shall be obliged if you will publish this note in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) T. ADDIS M. D.

Concerning "Health Services in Soviet Union":

(COPY)

AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE

To Further Cultural Relations with the Soviet Union
101 Post Street, San Francisco 8, California

April 26, 1944.

To the Editor.—We enclose herewith a complimentary set of three reprints of article by Dr. Henry Sigerist which were published in recent numbers of the *American Review of Soviet Medicine*. The articles are:

"Rural Health Services in the Soviet Union"

"Twenty-Five Years of Health Work in the Soviet Union"

"Medical Care Through Medical Centers in the Soviet Union"

Because we believe that an interchange of experiences between our two countries is important at present and for the future, we are eager to get as wide a circulation for these reprints as possible. We regret that we have to change 10 cents a copy to defray cost of reprinting them.

It was suggested to us that notice of the availability of these reprints at the Institute might be put in your Journal. We shall be very grateful for any ideas you may have which will help us in distributing these reprints.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) ROSE ISAAK, *Secretary*.

Chadwick's Sign.—James Read Chadwick was a gynecologist of note and a man of engaging personality. He had a strong organizing bent, being instrumental in the founding of both the American Gynecological Society and the Boston Medical Library. He served actively as a secretary in the Society for many years. His many fact-finding researches greatly enriched gynecological literature.—Warner's *Calendar of Medical History*.